

Creating a Print Rich Environment

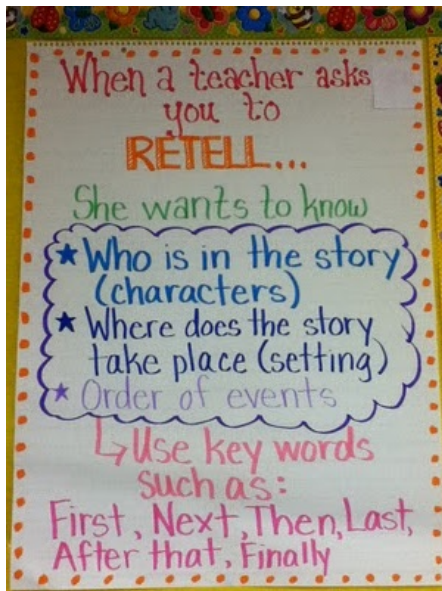
Research has shown that a print rich environment can positively impact the literacy development of young students (Fountas & Pinnell, 1996). A print rich environment not only refers to books and access to books, but print on the walls. Create a print rich environment in your classroom by

- Putting the alphabet on the wall - there are lots of posters available or templates online, or make your own!



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- Do shared writing activities and hanging what was created during the activity on the wall. These can be written by an adult, by the kids, or both.



- Put student work on the walls/Plan activities that will contribute to a print rich environment. For example, combine art and literacy by making alphabet collages. Each student makes a collage of pictures that all start with the same letter. They glue their pictures to construction paper and write a caption for each picture. These can then be hung on the wall.

- Display sight words



- Build a Word Wall - Add words that you focus on or vocabulary words from the books you read. Word Walls can be organized in lots of different ways.

